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Dr. Stephen Sundlof
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Dear Dr. Sundlof:

I read with alarm about the practice of drugging farm animals to promote their rapid growth. I am a member of FACT (Food Animal Concerns Trust), who feels strongly that antibiotics should be restricted to situations when they are absolutely needed, and should not be used routinely in this dangerous manner. When they are used in this way, they become a threat to human health, in that they create bacteria that are resistant to antibiotic treatment.

I am writing to ask the FDA to do the right thing, which would be to ban the use of growth promoting drugs in farm animals. I thank you for your efforts in seeing that this situation is not allowed to continue.

Sincerely,



Diane Alexy

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